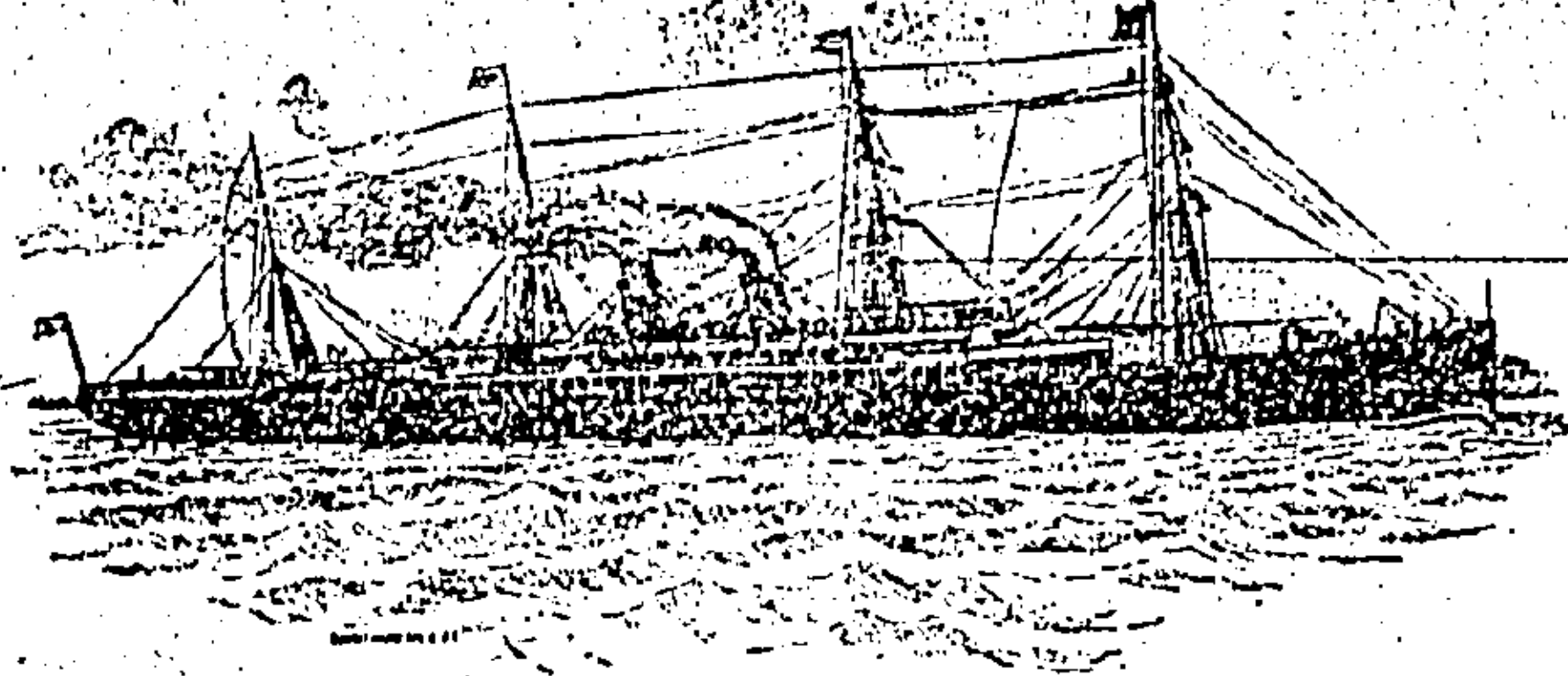


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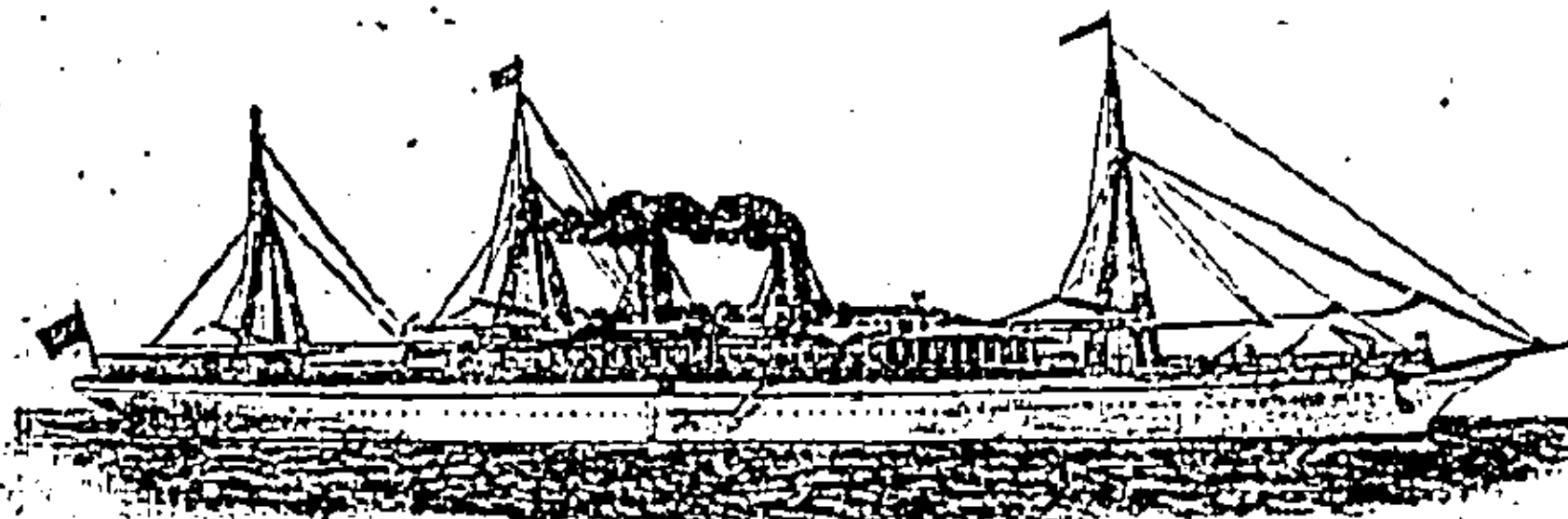
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Hongkong, 17th November, 1902. [1163d]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
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THE NEW TREATY.

OPINIONS OF A SPECIALIST.

The criticism of Mr. A. R. Colquhoun, the well known authority on Chinese affairs, of "China in Transformation" &c, on the new Commercial Treaty is so full of home truths and timely warning, that we reproduce it in *extenso* as it appeared the other day in a leading London daily:

A week ago I wrote of the new Chinese Commercial Treaty as foredoomed to failure. Since then (after a very significant "hitch") it has been signed, and promptly we hear of the delight and contentment as to China's commercial future. Unpleasant as the office of a "wet blanket" must always be, it is impossible to refrain from pointing out that these views are, to say the least, too sanguine, unless we are to believe that in the act of signing Sir James Mackay's treaty Chinese officials were regenerated and obtained new hearts. Even if this were the case I think I have shown that many practical difficulties would have to be overcome before the treaty could be carried out.

Sir James Mackay, with an optimism which is no doubt largely due to his previous inacquaintance with China and the Chinese, declares that like is practically abolished throughout the length and breadth of the Celestial Empire, and that the very word is wiped out of the language. The latter may well be the case, but as to the former is not the successful negotiator just "a little previous"? In the first place, the treaty has not yet been agreed to by the other Powers, and China emphasised the point that their consent is absolutely essential before like is abolished. As for the Chinese themselves, it would have been more correct to say that like is, or shortly may be, technically abolished, and even that would have been a legitimate source of satisfaction to the negotiator of the treaty.

There has been throughout a suspicious readiness on the part of the Chinese to comply with the proposals of Great Britain. We learn that Sir James Mackay was able to convince the Chinese authorities that the treaty would be for the good of China; in short, that in the course of a few interviews he was able to do what no other man has ever succeeded in doing—persuade the Chinese to take an European view of commerce, taxation, and finance. This is the more remarkable because the new point of view involves not only opening the country to Europeans, but giving them a much larger share of the control of internal affairs.

"THE CHANGE OF HEART."

This change of heart was, we are to believe, first worked on Sheng and the Yang-tze Viceroy, and then through their representations on Peking. While Liu Kun-yi and Chang Chih-tung are probably really convinced that some more liberal policy is necessary to rehabilitate the finances of the Central Government, and while they also recognise that they are not individually in a position to run counter to Peking in any case, it must be a matter for serious doubt to anyone who is acquainted with Sheng if his conversion was anything more than skin deep. As for Peking there seems to be a sort of impression in this country that the Manchu Party, which is the Government, is, like Governments in Western countries, genuinely anxious to promote the welfare of every part of their Empire. This is a delusion. The Manchus simply want to get as much money as they can, and they care nothing for the well-being of the people they rule. Too many Chinese officials

are mere creatures of the Manchus, and desire nothing more than to wind well with their masters and feather their own nests. There is a small minority of genuinely conscientious Chinese who do their duty according to their lights, such as the Yang-tze Viceroy, who happen to be "persons grata" at Court, because of their proved loyalty to the person of the Dowager Empress. Sheng does not belong to this honourable minority. He has won his position by other means than upright dealing and strict loyalty, and he is the more anxious to curry favour at Court by getting what he can for the insatiable Manchus.

There is no doubt that there are rejoicings at Peking, as in London, over the conclusion of the treaty, but for rather different reasons. It must be remembered that by this treaty the Chinese Government is getting what it has long fought for—a very substantial increase on foreign duties, and, moreover, the Europeans have shown the Chinese a method whereby they can secure that these duties should be practically controlled by the Central Government as like never could be. Under extreme financial pressure they would have been prepared to promise any *quid pro quo* in return for such a way out of their difficulties.

AIMS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

It certainly seemed at one period of the negotiations as though the obstinate foreigner were going to spoil everything by insisting that the extra revenue should go intact to the provinces. A little skillful manipulation, however, and Peking has arranged this matter to its own satisfaction; confident that, once the new regulations are in force, it can square matters with the Viceroy, of whose loyalty it is assured.

As now settled the new salt tax and the new surtax are to be held by the Imperial Chinese Customs to the order of the Provincial Viceroy and Governors "in proportions arranged between them and the Board of Revenue." The maritime customs, on instructions from the Provincial Viceroy, are to remit to Peking the equivalent of former like contributions, as well as the amount due on the 1898 Loan. Of course, the Board of Revenue is tantamount to the Imperial Government, and there is no possibility of checking its decisions. The introduction of the maritime customs, with their foreign personnel, is very popular in this country, and is supposed in some way to guarantee the smooth and effective working of the arrangement. It is forgotten, however, that this body has no real control of any funds. All moneys go direct to the native banker, and the maritime customs officials are merely accountants and make their returns to the Board of Revenue. There is a vaguely worded clause in the treaty relating to the supervision of "native customs" by a member or members of the maritime customs staff. It is difficult to see how this is to be carried out unless a network of Imperial maritime customs offices is to be spread over the country and unless their powers are greatly extended.

Altogether the Chinese Government can congratulate itself that the new treaty would afford it an increased revenue and a wider control of the finances of the Empire. Whether these conditions are for the ultimate good of China or not is certainly open to doubt.

It is no reflection on the sapience of Sir James Mackay that his treaty should leave matters in this state. Past masters as they are in the art of evasion, the Chinese Ministers would doubtless have contrived, whatever the wording of the clause, to get what they wanted.

Otherwise they would not have made even the paper concession of the abolition of like, for that has been for half a century the most valuable asset in a possible bargain.

The mistake has been in ignoring past history and concluding a new treaty while allowing China to disregard old ones. To quote the late Alexander Michie, "The Treaties of Nanking, 1842, and of Tientsin, 1858, provided for the transit of British goods throughout the Empire on payment of a fixed charge. But, in securing exemption from arbitrary imposts in the interior, the Treaty of Nanking signally failed; that of Tientsin had proved equally ineffective, and why? From inherent difficulties in the nature of things—obstacles absolutely insuperable so long as the country remained under the same organic conditions. . . . If the difficulties . . . were really insuperable, would they now disappear merely because the Chinese Government received an increased import duty?" If not insuperable, why, it must be asked, do we allow the Chinese to ignore the existing treaties? It is not a good precedent. Personally, however, I can see no sign of change in the organic conditions of China which would facilitate the effective carrying out of treaties, new or old.

THE ACTUAL FACTS ABOUT LIKIN.

If any one doubts the cleverness and ingenuity of the Chinese he had only to remember the actual facts about like. Though not strictly an illegal tax, it was a violation of existing treaties, and was never actually recognised (though winked at) by the Powers. Here however, we find ourselves actually engaged to pay a largely increased duty on imports and exports, in return for which the Chinese kindly engage that this unauthorised and irregular tax shall now cease. Of course, this act constitutes a recognition of the right of China to levy like. The situation reflects the greatest credit on Chinese diplomacy.

As for the practical difficulties in the way of the abolition of like these are part of the "organic conditions" to which reference has been made. On the Chinese side there is an army of a quarter of a million tax-gatherers to be compensated for the loss of their raison d'être. From the provincial official's point of view there is extreme improbability that he will ever get enough out of the Government-controlled funds to carry on his affairs. Then there is the local opposition to the opening of waterways, etc., also a part of the new programme.

It is probable that Peking would not seriously concern itself about any of these things, but to ignore difficulties is not to overcome them, and they will have for the most part to be met by the expedients so dear to Chinese hearts. A small loophole for such an expedient has already been provided in the treaty, and will be widened as occasion requires. A "consumption tax" on native produce has been given as a sop to local authorities, the Chinese Government "solemnly undertaking" that the tax will only be levied at the place of consumption and not en route. With the disappearance of like we shall see (not all at once perhaps, but inevitably) the growth of other, trade barriers, and whether the tax is a shop tax, terminal tax, or producer's tax, or producer's tax, or what not, will matter little—it will not, it is to be presumed, be called like.

CHINA AND THE POWERS.

What cannot be understood in this country apparently is that the arguments as to the ultimate benefit of opening the country to trade appeal as little to the ordinary Chinese as to the Man in the Moon, and, moreover, the local

officials have to make a living somehow, the Provincial Governors become unpopular, while the Imperial Government, drawing its supplies regularly, will not be hard on any infringement of the treaty if it does not involve the loss of the surtax.

Of course, if we were prepared at all costs to enforce the stipulations and to uphold our treaty rights by arms, if necessary, we might expect to find China fulfilling her part of the bargain to the best of her ability. She does not expect us to go to these lengths, nor does there seem to be any likelihood or even excuse for our so doing. We have not enforced previous treaties, and the story of the Englishman in China is one long history of broken engagements and forfeited pledges on the part of China and a policy of hallucination on the part of Great Britain. It must be remembered, too, that though China is weaker than she was, we are not stronger, nor is our position in the Far East as assured as it once seemed to be. China is well aware of this.

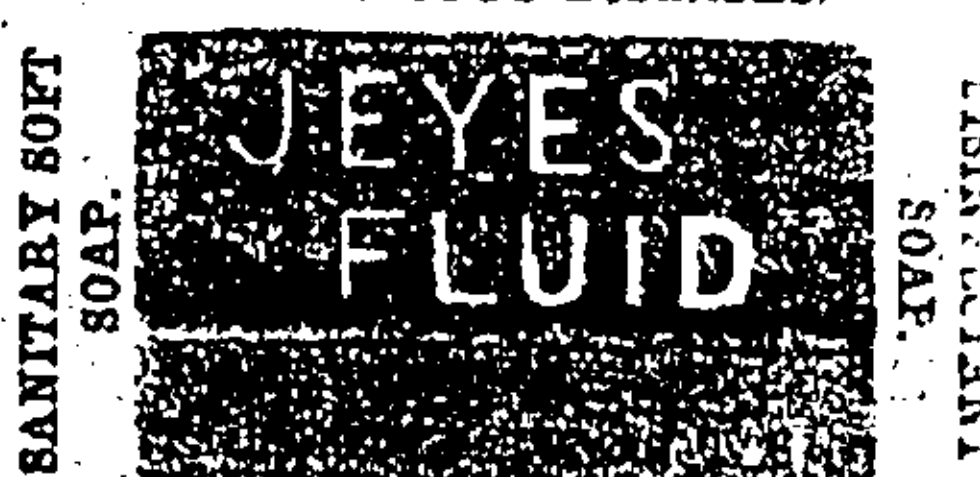
Were this treaty an ultimatum, presented by all the Powers, there might be a chance that it would be carried, partially if not wholly, into effect. We have yet to see, however, how it will be received by Russia, France and Germany. It is laid down in the treaty that the consent of any Power is not to be obtained by political concessions nor by any exclusive commercial concession—a prudent stipulation if it were possible to make it effective. How is Russia, for instance, to be prevented from demanding as a *quid pro quo* some further railway or other concessions in the North? China could not grant this openly, of course, but there are plenty of ways by which it could be done.

Given the treaty, signed, sealed, and ratified by all the Powers, and acclaimed in every capital of Europe and in Peking, there still remains a great deal to be done and said before it is possible to agree with Sir James Mackay that like, in other words, the whole Chinese method of conducting commercial affairs is abolished. Before we can believe in this revolution in China we must have some stronger guarantee than the assurances of Sheng and the hand on heart of the Manchu Government.

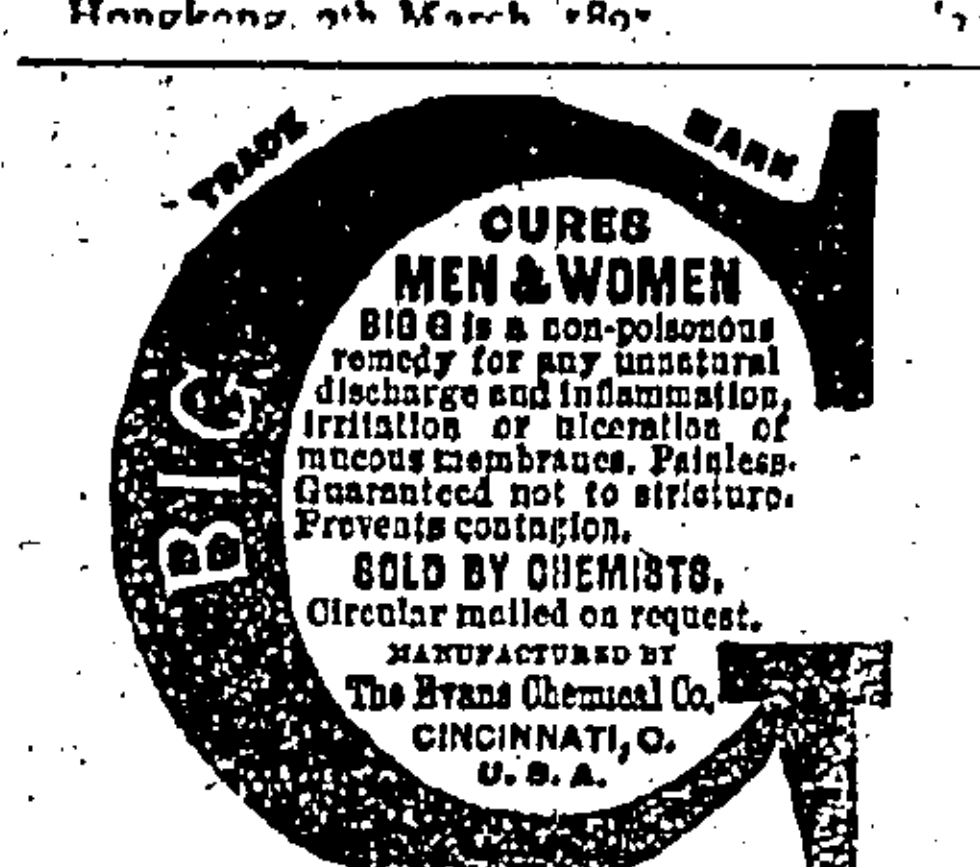
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MARRIAGE.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1902.

YUNG LU

THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE.

Our Shanghai contemporary the *North China Daily News* came out on Thursday last with an exposition of the antecedents, policy and power wielded by the Empress Dowager's notorious relative Yung Lu—who has been "the supreme person in the Government of China" for some time past—which is unquestionably as true as it is timely. We therefore give it the prominence which its importance, in view of the great influence of the Manchu Premier, and veracity fully justify. It is strongly advisable that the character, deeds and policy of this inflated, Conservative bugbear should be understood, for he is now in fact the Chancellor of the Celestial Empire; and it was he, too, who, in concert with the late Li Hung Chang, conducted the sanguinary coup d'état of 1898—the practical extinction of the Emperor Kwong Su, in which illegal act, by their silence at the time, the Great Powers acquiesced, none of them lodging even a mild protest against the suppression of the most progressive and enlightened Ruler that ever occupied the Dragon Throne. Incidentally, too, certain Powers, by their failure to give protection to Reformers, acquiesced in the wholesale butchery in Peking of the bright youths who so bravely and patriotically laid down their lives for their country's sake. It was then believed in high circles that the suppression of the Emperor saved the country from a disastrous revolution and insured to the Treaty Powers a long period of peace and great commercial prosperity throughout China, the masterful rule, and unbending will of the Dowager being, in the estimation of those who should have known better, a perfect guarantee of peace throughout the land and cordial relations with the Court and Government. It was in fact the precursor of two historical tea-parties in the precious Dowager's apartments, the ladies of the Legations being the "honoured guests of the illustrious Ruler!" "The Dowager and stability," "the Dowager and peace and prosperity" were the key-notes to policy of a majority of the nations of Christendom at the times referred to. What has happened since the great coup of '98 and its baneful effect on trade is too well known to now call for recapitulation, but it is as well to remember that the "centre-piece" of the tragedy enacted in Peking in September, 1898, and of the Boxer Atrocities in 1900 is to-day the very man who virtually wields the sceptre of supreme authority throughout China. He and the Dowager are as one. Our well-informed Shanghai contemporary's article on this distinguished person reads as follows:—

There was a period in the modern history of China, when Li Hung-chang, the First Grand Secretary, and the Viceroy of the Metropolitan province, was spoken of in the foreign Press as the Premier of China. This was not due to the fact that he was First Grand Secretary, which was then as it is now nominal position, though highest in civil rank, but to the fact that he was the strongest man in the Government and the most capable in the settlement of foreign affairs. Though living outside the capital, he was more powerful than any who appeared daily at Court. Since the death of Li Hung-chang, not much attention has been given to the question as to the one now the most powerful in the Empire and who might fittingly be called the Premier of China. It really is important to know, as well as interesting, who, next to the Sovereign, the Empress Dowager, is the supreme person in the Government. It seems more and more evident that, if any selection is made, the person must be Yung Lu. He has succeeded to the highest honorary rank of First Grand Secretary, previously held so many years by Li Hung-chang. In the absence of any Prince, he is at the head of the Grand Council, or the Cabinet. During the uprising of 1900 he was Generalissimo of all the Chinese forces, though he is himself a Manchurian. This last position he does not retain, in fact the post has been in the Central Government before the uprising, and he has gradually risen to pre-eminence since that time, his only rival being Prince Ching.

HE CONNIVED AT THE SLAUGHTER OF FOREIGNERS.

When the Legations were being besieged, there was no one to surmise that Yung Lu would ever be allowed to return to office, still less to power that is more pre-eminent than he ever held before. He was not as rabid and narrow in his antipathy to foreigners as Prince Tuan or Kang Yu-wei, but as Generalissimo he was responsible for military operations. There are those familiar with events that have taken place in Peking who do not impute to him the desire to attack the Legations or sympathy with the outrages committed on innocent people, but who are convinced that he was at the bottom of the war against foreign Powers. We have seen a statement in print that Li Hung-chang once remarked to a foreign guest that when leaving for Canton Yung Lu announced to him that war was being planned. He had full confidence in the military strength which he had been steadily and extravagantly cultivating, and he looked on the

Boxer organisation as a useful auxiliary throughout the country. As a matter of policy he may have wished that the war be directed, ostensibly against only a few of the Powers, but his whole conduct shows that he wanted war and wanted to get rid of foreigners. He did nothing to check the declaration of war, and never spoke up for Hei-Ching-cheng, Yuan Ch'ang, Hsi-Yung-yi, Lien Yuan, and Li Shan, who openly opposed the war. A relative of his by marriage was Duke Ch'eng-yi, who as Tutor of the Heir-Apparent was in a position of importance to help on the uprising. The Duke's wife was a sister of Yung Lu, and on the entrance into Peking of the Allied troops, the two men fled together to Paotingfu, where he Duke died, and where Yung Lu remained until the Allied troops also approached that city.

THE WHITEWASH TRICK.

There has been a persistent attempt to whitewash the character of Yung Lu, and the attempt has met with success. He came back to Peking in conspicuous honour with the Court, after a Edict had been duly promulgated that he had "protected the Legations." He made it right with the Ministers of the Legations, visiting them the same day the Empress Dowager sent her first presents, and drawing to them and the ladies special messages of kindly interest from her. He at once appeared as the most powerful man among the Chinese in the estimation of the Chinese. His doorway was crowded daily with fawning visitors and supplicants. If anything was to be done, every one said, "See Yung Lu about it." He seemed to appear at the door of every very great man, and he seemed to the Empress Dowager, forbade this. He certainly was the power with her. He retains this position to-day.

THE HEIR-APPARENT.

The scheme of introducing into Prince Tuan, by means of choosing his son as Heir-Apparent, has failed. Now Yung Lu is trying the same kind of work. His daughter has married Prince Ch'ien, you get brother of the Emperor, and if a son is born it is expected there will be a new Heir-Apparent. The marriage was prolific in gifts to the bride, to the attendants, and even to Yung Lu.

"CHINA WILL NOT CHANGE"

The adroitness of Yung Lu is acknowledged, but his political morale does not rank so high. He is accredited with loving display; it is a saying in Peking that he sets the style. His display must be met by large revenue; it is also a saying in Peking that he accepts only big gifts. He prefers the Chinese system of securing official revenue to the methods of more advanced countries. It is reported that he said to a prominent foreigner in Peking: "China will not change."

A PRECIOUS COTERIE.

It is to be feared that this is so. With the Empress Dowager as recognised Ruler, with the eunuch Li Lien-yung, and the First Grand Secretary Yung Lu, as means of approach to her and to favour, there is not much likelihood of any very great moral regeneration in the Chinese body politic. Yung Lu is the only Premier China has to-day. Viceroy Yuan Shih-k'ai, Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, and Sheng Kung-pao may have power, but they must bow to Yung Lu and make use of the methods which he prefers.

LEANS TOWARD RUSSIA.

Yung Lu, like his predecessor Li Hung-chang, is now believed to be a champion of the policy of alliance with Russia, whatever becomes of China. He sees for his own maintenance of power, as long as this is possible. At present he is supreme.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

AN ITALIAN CONSULATE is to be established at Hankow.

NOVEMBER Milder than MAY, is the essence of a cable from London to the *Shanghai Times*.

PERCY McDONNELL, a prominent member of the City Government of Manila and a well known journalist, is in Hongkong.

THE M.M.S.S. ANNAM, which left for home this morning, made the trip from Yokohama to Voosung in 84 steaming hours.

DONALD RILEY, a well-known young publisher of Manila, is in Hongkong for a short vacation and is staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

MR. CHIANG CHUANG, the second son of H.E. Chang Chih-tung, is going to Washington on the staff of the new Minister, Sir Liang Cheng-tung.

THE DOCK CO. MEETING.—The adjourned ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., takes place at the City Hall at 11.15 a.m. to-morrow, when the Poll ordered at the meeting of the 18th August will be taken.

AMOI IMPROVEMENTS.—Since the late fire the inhabitants of Amoy have been rebuilding their premises, so the authorities have issued a proclamation ordering the people to build one foot from the original street boundaries so as to be able to have wide streets, and a special deputy has been appointed to see that the order is carried out.

INSIDIOUS S.I.P. DI EASE.—Several battleships in the United States Navy are reported by experts to be suffering from electrolysis, an insidious ship-disease, the ravages of which are frequently not discovered until the materials affected become disintegrated and crumble to a powder-like mass. The disease, as the name implies, is due to the action of electricity.

WOULD BUY OFF SENTENCE.—In order to prevent the decapitation of the two officials chiefly concerned in the Chen-cheu massacre, some of the Hunan gentry and officials have raised \$100,000 to be granted to Peking in the hope that lighter punishment may be inflicted on the guilty officials. They have requested the Governor of Hunan to transmit the money. He holds it subject to order from Peking.

A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has been established at Tsingtau with the following local firms as original members, namely, Messrs. Arnold, Kanberg & Co., Diederichsen, Jensen & Co., Asiatische Bank, Kiautschou Lighter Co., Kiautschou Co., Ltd., Shanung Mining Co., Shaantung Railway Co., F. H. Schmidt, F. Schwarzkopf and Co., Siemens and Co., C. Vering. The members have elected Mr. W. Grage chairman.

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The *Police and Marine Times* of the 7th inst. says that the local officials are trying to stop the first attempt to grow opium near Chefoo.

THE STRANDED OSLO.—The Miss Bish Dockyard has dispatched the *Kanagawa Maru* to Loochoos with a salvage plan, with the view of salvaging the stranded steamer *Oslo*.

WARREN'S CIRCUS.—A crowded tent on Saturday afternoon, but the advent of rain had a depressing effect which showed its mark in the attendance at the evening performance.

NAVAL STOKER DROWNED.—James Jones, lately a naval stoker on board H.M.S. *Alacrity* accidentally fell overboard from a steam launch at Shanghai on the 4th and was drowned.

LU CHUAN LIN.—The *China Gazette* has learned from Peking that Lu Chuan-lin, the notorious anti-foreign ex-Governor of Kiangsu province, and now a member of the Grand Council, is dangerously ill.

LARCENY FROM THE CIRCUS.—A labourer in Warren's Circus was charged by Mr. George Warren with stealing a trunk valued \$50. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

FIGHT AGAINST FAMINE.—The Philippine Commission has passed an act appropriating 2,000,000 pesos for the purchase and distribution of rice and other provisions. Transports will be chartered to convey food throughout the archipelago.

"LIBERTY HALL" was played by the A.D.C. before a very good house on Saturday, and that despite the inclemency of the weather. The performances of our talented amateurs have been received with marks of approval on all sides, and we look with pleasure to another play by the same artists.

RETURN OF TAKU DOCKYARD.—Yuan Shih Kai has requested the Wai Wu Pu to ask the Russian Minister to refer to St. Petersburg the question of the Taku dockyard by the Powers. The Russians appear loath to pay any attention to the matter and have as yet given the Viceroy no satisfactory answer.

RETURN OF VISITORS to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 16th November, 1902:—

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese	207	84
Chinese	47	1,982
Total	254	2,066

CUTTING AND WOUNDING AT SEA.—Feung Tim, fireman on the *Kaifong*, was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning with unlawfully cutting and wounding one of his foki, while on the voyage to Hongkong from Cebu. The complainant said the prisoner cut him because he told him about the way he used to waste his food. The prisoner was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

SIR W. KENNEDY'S NEW BOOK.—In his new book—which is full of good stories—Admiral Sir William Kennedy relates the case of a marine who was brought before a court-martial at Hongkong charged with insubordination. The Court having been sworn, the prisoner was asked the usual question: Did he object to any member of the Court? Looking round with infinite contempt on his judges, he said, "Yes, I object to the whole bloomin' lot of yer, especially the bald-headed old bouncer in the middle!" His other sentence is not recorded.

SOME SUANGHAI JOCKEYS got into hot water at the recent race-meeting. Thus *Sport & Gossip* on the subject:—This meeting will be noteworthy for another matter, and that is the attention the Stewards have paid to the behaviour of the jockeys on the course. One was suspended for using unbecoming language towards the starter, and another was called on the carpet for "crossing." We can make every allowance for the eagerness and enthusiasm of young riders, but it must never be forgotten that certain rules have to be observed, and the Stewards are only doing their duty in insisting upon this.—Now, who were these chaps who were so unlucky as to "cross" the stewards?

THE CELEBRATION AT NAGASAKI of the Coronation and Birthday of King Edward took place on the 8th. It began with a reception by the Acting British Consul, Mr. E. H. Holmes, at the Consulate. Then the British members of the Nagasaki Club regaled their friends of other nationalities. In the evening there was an entertainment to guests of all nationalities at the Nagasaki Hotel. By the kindness of Vice-Admiral Maicheal, the music was provided by the band of the French flag ship *Redoubtable*. Outside there were fireworks, music, dancing and toasts, concluding with *Auld Lang Syne*. On the 9th there was a thanksgiving service at the English church for King Edward's recovery, at which Bishop Evington preached most eloquently.

LIFE OF A REPORTER.—The following from the *Malay Mail* refers to a former Bangkok reporter:—Our reporter, Jansz, was attacked the other night in Java street. He says he was walking quietly along when he noticed somebody following him. He turned round and received a tremendous blow on the head and heard his assailant say "Chelaka Malay Mail!" It was too dark to recognise his assailant, but he thinks the man had a black baji on and was a Malay. Mr. Jansz knows of nobody with a down on him and is inclined to think it was an act of revenge for a paragraph he recently wrote which resulted in an alleged police detective being fined by the magistrate a few days ago. Mr. Jansz was drenched with blood and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. The matter is now in the hands of the police.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUMMER UNDERWEAR.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

This season's second club race was sailed yesterday afternoon. The course was Lyse-shoon Beacon, Cuck Rocks buoy and Lyse-shoon Beacon again (all port), a distance of 12½ miles. Of the First Class *Alacrity* gained the honours about three miles ahead of *Pearl* and five in advance of the *Dial*. The one-design class *Kailash* was about three minutes ahead of *Alin*.

DOVER'S SEAPORT AVIATION.—Agitation at Dover for the extension of borough boundaries to include St. Margaret's Bay, has led to a Government Board inquiry. The Dover corporation is committed to the plan, which is designed to restore the commercial importance of Dover. Harbour improvements in progress at St. Margaret's Bay promise to draw a large population there. The extension would give Dover several miles of valuable sea frontage, along which an electric tram service will be furnished to connect with the Dover system.

AMERICAN JOURNALISM.—An editor in the Western States—where all this sort of editors comes from—announces his policy in the following prospectus: "Our aim—Tell the truth, though the heavens take a tumble. Our paper—Of the people, for the people, and paid for by the people. Our religion—Orthodoxy, with a firm belief in hell for delinquent subscribers. Our motto—Take all in sight and rattle for more. Our policy—To love our friends and brimstone our enemies. If thine enemy smile thee on the cheek swipe him with haste and dexterity at the butt of his most convenient car. What we advocate—One country, one flag, and one wife—at a time. Our object—To live in pomp and splendour."

DEMOGRAPHIC SENSATIONALISM.—A *Shanghai Times* cable of the 12th inst. states:—The *Times* rebukes in a strong leader the wild and reckless speculation indulged by the *Daily News* concerning the political significance of the Kaiser's visit. It says that the report printed are not only inherently absurd but that they betray unseemly lack of consideration for a royal guest whose course in stemming and turning hostile feeling in his own land calls for every mark of appreciation by England. The article declares that the English public will not be misled by the extravagances of newspaper sensation and points to the interest shown everywhere in details of the visit as proof of the general good feeling which the occasion deserves.

KANG YU-WEI.—A Canton despatch of the 6th instant to Shanghai states that the Empress Dowager, having somehow been informed on the 4th instant, correctly or not remains to be seen, that the proscribed Reformer Kang Yu-wei has returned from exile to Canton, immediately sent on the same day an edict under her own seal to Canton, addressed to the Manchu Acting Viceroy Tak Sow, asking him whether he was aware of the fact that Kang Yu-wei was in Canton, and if so why he had shown such indifference in the matter as to make no attempt to arrest her arch enemy. This edict struck consternation into the hearts of the mandarinate of that city, and they are now busily engaged, openly as well as secretly, in trying to obtain some clue to the Reformer's whereabouts, in order not only to set the Empress Dowager's heart at rest, but also their own for the preservation and continuity of their several official positions and posts. In well-informed circles in Canton it is, however, not considered likely nor probable that Kang Yu-wei would so rashly tempt providence and his "bithero" good fortune by venturing to Canton and putting himself in the toils of his bitter enemies the Manchus.

COLLAPSE INQUIRY CONTINUED.

The inquiry into the collapse of the two houses, Nos. 30 and 32, Kowloon City Road, was resumed this afternoon before Mr. F. A. Hazeland and the jury. Mr. F. Browne the Government Analyst, was further examined by Mr. Wilkinson respecting the chemical qualities of the lime and mortar. The inquiry was adjourned till Monday afternoon 24th instant at 2 o'clock.

CHINESE AND THE WATER-METER QUESTION.

As a result of H.E. the Governor Sir H. A. Blake, C.M.G., expressing his willingness to meet the wishes of the Chinese respecting the water meter question, a meeting was held on Friday last at the Chinese Commercial Union Office, No. 30 and 32 Des Voeux Road Central, to ascertain the views of the Chinese property owners in connection with laying auxiliary pipes to houses, instead of having meters fixed. There were present Mr. Fung-Wa Chun (Chairman), The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Messrs. Ho Fung, Ho Kam Tong, Lo Koon Ting, Sin Pak Fung, Lau Chu Pak, Tam Tai Kong, A. Runjahn, Wong Kum Fook, Chan Kam Yu and about forty others. Before the question was introduced, the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai gave a preliminary explanation of the auxiliary pipe system, which is estimated to cost \$25,000 and an annual maintenance of \$25,000. On the proposition of Mr. Ho Tung, seconded by Mr. Lo Koon Ting, it was resolved that the meeting approve of the adoption of the auxiliary system and that the expenses incurred by met by a special tax on owners of all Chinese houses, and a 4 per cent on the general taxes to meet the annual upkeep, and in should owners of European houses, also wish to co-operate, they will have to contribute their share, and any owner refusing to do so, will have to adopt the meter system. A vote of thanks was accorded to H.E. the Governor.

COTTAM & CO. FOR WASHING BOOTS.

THE CANTON-PIRACY CASE.

DEATH OF EVANS.

Our Canton correspondent informs us that Mr. Evans, who was shot by pirates while on a junk last Wednesday, died in the Canton Hospital yesterday morning without regaining consciousness. He leaves a widow and three children.

FASHIONABLE CHINESE WEDDING.

MARRIAGE OF MR. HO TUNG'S SON.

To a stranger landing on Hongkong's shores at noon last Saturday the display of gay Chinese banners, the clanging of Chinese drums and other musical paraphernalia, together with the exhibition of the thousand and one equipments characteristics of a Chinese wedding must have afforded a pretty medley of Oriental wonder. It was the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Ho Tung, the son of our respected citizen, Mr. Ho Tung, to the daughter of Mr. Hung Kam Ning, formerly of the Police Court. Early in the morning of the 15th instant, "Idlewild," the residence of Mr. Ho Tung, was thronged with a large gathering of the most prominent of the Chinese residents, who repaired thither in their official robes to congratulate Mr. Ho Tung on the wedding of his son. After this, the actual wedding ceremony commenced and was continued until last evening. Chinese dinners were given in the Hung Fa Lau restaurant and the bridegroom, who was accompanied by his father, was cordially toasted. After dinner the majority of the party adjourned to Mr. Ho Tung's residence, where, according to Chinese custom, the bride and bridegroom had to run the gauntlet of their many friends by answering numerous orthodox questions. As usual, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Tung, ably assisted by Mr. Ho Fook and Mr. Ho Kam Tong, made one and all at home. The house was magnificently decorated for the occasion, and this, combined with the many costly presents of embossed scrolls, gave the interior of the building a very pretty appearance. Other presents were shown to the guests during the evening and elicited the greatest admiration and warmest congratulations to the happy young couple. Among the guests were Lady Blake, Miss Blake and Captain Arbuthnot, A.D.C., and several other prominent ladies and gentlemen. Lady Blake and Miss Blake were also present at the ceremonies on Friday night.

HONGKONG BOAT CLUB.

At a general meeting held in the Gymnasium of the Club at Kowloon on the 13th November, Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., in the chair, the following officers were elected for the present season:—

Chairman, Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.
Vice-Chairman, Basil Taylor, Esq.
GENERAL COMMITTEE.
Messrs. J. Danby, E. Carpenter, G. Gapper, F. C. Barlow, H. L. Bingay.
BALLOTTING COMMITTEE.
Messrs. G. M. Young, H. Skott, W. O. Kobler, G. C. C. Master, J. E. Lee, and H. Hurthouse.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, C. H. Gale.

MISS JANET WALDOFF'S
DRAMATIC CO.

The season of high-class drama which has been eagerly awaited by Hongkong theatregoers will be commenced by Miss Janet Walloff's Dramatic Co. at the Theatre Royal to-night. The preparations for the opening piece, *A Royal Divorce*, are on a scale of unique excellence, the scenery, costumes and mounting generally as now completed being superb. On the lines of lavishness adopted by Miss Walloff's Company a supplemented orchestra of 24 performers has been engaged to supply the beautiful music incidental to the piece. It includes the band of the F.M.S. *Ocean* (by kind permission of Capt. White, R.N., and the officers of the warship), and the members of the Portuguese Amateur Orchestra Society, who have kindly consented to assist. The whole will be under the conductship of Mr. H. L. Campbell, late of the leading theatres of Australia. Owing to unforeseen circumstances His Excellency the Governor (Sir H. A. Blake, C.M.G.) and suite will be unable to attend to-night and have postponed their attendance until Tuesday evening, which has been set aside as the Vice-Regal Command night.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAUS RUI.
Canadian (*Tartar*) to-morrow.
American (*Copier*) to-morrow.
English (*Bengal*) 22nd inst.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 24th inst.
American (*Korea*) 5th prox.
The H. A. L. steamer *Adri* from New York left Manila for this port on the 13th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst. 8 p.m.
The N.Y.K. Co.'s steamer *Yamaguchi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Shimoda for this port on the Friday, 14th inst., p.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 19th inst.
The P.O.S.N. Co.'s steamer *Bengal* left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst., at 6 p.m., with the Outward English Mail, and is due here on the 22nd inst., at about 8 p.m.
The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Tartar* arrived at Shanghai at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 15th inst., and left again at 8 p.m. Saturday for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

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TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

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Attempted Assassination of King Leopold.

AT BRUSSELS.

Brussels, 15th Nov., 9.25 p.m.

When King Leopold of Belgium and his Royal Italian guests were returning from the Mass said at Brussels for the late Queen of the Belgians an Italian, named Rumeno, fired several shots fortunately without injury to anyone although the bullets hit the Court carriage.

(Ruter's.)

The French Navy.

LONDON, November 14th.

Russian official circles are concerned at the reduction of the French navy in the Mediterranean. The *Novoe Vremya* says that the French fleet is now a mere plaything, and demands a speedy change.

The Cape Immigration Bill.

The Cape Immigration Bill has been passed, but with considerable amendments.

An Indian Frontier Expedition.

An expedition consisting of four companies of 800 men each, under General Egerton, is assembling at Kohat for operations against the Waziris. The force will start on the 17th instant, and will probably be absent only one week.

LATER.

The Situation in Ireland.

The proprietor of the *Limerick Leader* has been sentenced to ten months' hard labour for intimidation.

There are various indications that the law in Ireland is beginning to get the better of the National League.

Russia and Afghanistan.

The agitation continues in St. Petersburg with the object of securing Russian advantages in Afghanistan. The *Novoe Vremya* urges that as Great Britain has now completed her South African war, she will utilize petty frontier troubles to strengthen her grip on Afghanistan to the prejudice of Russia.

The Cape Parliament.

November 15th.

The Cape Parliament has adjourned for the session.

The Morocco Disorders.

The British warships which have returned to Gibraltar report that the uneasiness at Tetuan has subsided.

The Situation in Ireland.

Rt. Hon. Sir John Brodrick, speaking at Dewsbury, said that a gigantic conspiracy was afoot in Ireland, but that the forces of the law were too strong for the conspirators.

STEAMER ON FIRE AT COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.

While a number of Chinese fitters were working on board the Portland and Asiatic steamer *Indrapura*, which is undergoing repairs in the No. 1 Cosmopolitan Dry Dock, yesterday morning, they discovered that a great volume of smoke was arising from the main hold, where about 300 bales of hemp were stored. Inspector Gault, of the Yaumatei police station, was at once informed of the outbreak and speedily communicated to the Central station. The Fire Brigade, under the superintendence of Mr. A. Mackie, was at once despatched to the scene, in the police pinnace, accompanied by the Government floating engine. In the meantime Mr. Smith, manager of the Cosmopolitan Dock, was working with a will. The Kowloon Dock floating engine was also at the scene with Mr. Wilson, the manager, on board. A party of bluejackets from the German gunboat *Tiger* which is at present lying in the Kowloon dock, was also despatched. A suggestion was made to get the steamer out of the dry dock, but the idea was abandoned owing to the fact that he had a few of her plates taken out of her bow. Water was anyhow let into the dry dock to a certain height in the hope of subduing the fire. On receipt of the news, Mr. Dixon, chief manager of the Kowloon Docks, hurriedly repaired to the scene, where he remained for a considerable length of time. Whilst the subduing of the fire was in progress, a Chinaman, who was doing Trojan work, was seen falling into the main hold. Fortunately, there was a ladder in the hold, which the man managed to make use of and after a trying time escaped. The fire brigade were at the scene the whole of last night but as we go to press, the fire has not been subdued. At present a big gang of men is busy at work patching up the plates so as to allow the vessel to leave the dry dock as soon as possible. The extent of the damage has not been ascertained, but we believe that it will be a heavy one. The cause of the outbreak was due to sparks from the furnace of the ship.

The *Indrapura* belongs to the Portland and Asiatic Steamship Company, of which Mr. Allen Cameron is the General Agent at this port. She is a vessel of 3,151 tons and is commanded by Captain Hollingsworth. She arrived here on the 15th instant, and went into dock on the 16th. She was to have left for Portland, Oregon, this morning.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. G. Gault.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

OUR JAPANESE SAILOR FRIENDS.

A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR,—Permit me to invoke the favour of the good offices and influence of your journal in behalf of an effort to extend a friendly hand to the crews of the Japanese warships now in port. The *Asama* and *Takago* represented our King's Ally at the Coronation Review, and Admiral Ijima and his officers were the recipients of special tokens of friendship and cordiality at the hands of our sovereign, King Edward VII. Why should not Hongkong extend a greeting to the crews of these vessels and thus open the way for the crews of other Japanese warships visiting this port to have some consideration extended to them; some decent place to go to?

If there was a Mayor of Hongkong, or a few Aldermen reception of some kind could easily be arranged, but as Hongkong is "run" at present it is not a simple matter to get anything of the kind done; and as everybody seems to wait for everybody to take the initiative, the public naturally look to the Press for a cue.

I would suggest that the Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute or some kindred body should arrange to entertain the "jolly tars" of the *Asama* and *Takago* to tea some afternoon in one of their spacious meeting-rooms. It wouldn't cost very much, and the courtesy would assuredly be accepted by the plucky "Britons of the Orient" in the kindly spirit that prompted it. If it is suggested that it would be most difficult and tedious to entertain the Japanese because of their lack of knowledge of English, such an excuse would be a lame one indeed, for most Japanese and especially officers and merchants, speak English fluently. Where there is a will there is a way, and I feel sure there are many in our midst who can not only easily lead the way in a matter of this kind, but whose efforts would not doubt be readily seconded by Japanese residents.

The crews of the Japanese warships which visit this port from time to time, are mostly strangers here and do not know where they can go and be welcomed, as they no doubt would be at any of the mission-houses or R.N. Seamen's Club; but if once friendship's hand were heavily extended to them the news would soon spread throughout the fine fleet of our Allies, and we should soon find the Japanese sailors making themselves quite as much at home here as they are in Japan, instead of having to take rickshaws which carry them to very undesirable places past the very doors of institutions which would gladly receive them. But the "Jackies" of Dai Nippon don't know where to go. They hang about the billiard-rooms and Queen's Road listlessly, and I'm pretty sure that, under present circumstances, most of them must be heartily glad when the time comes to return to their ships. This is not as it should be.

Herewith I beg to hand you my cheque as a modest contribution to any kind of entertainment that may be got up for the sailor laddies, and would ask you to use it in anyway that you may deem proper in the premises.

Yours faithfully,

A BRITON.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902.
[A very excellent suggestion. We shall be glad to hear from any one, or any body, who will take this matter in hand promptly.—Ed., H.K.T.]

REVOLUTIONIZING CHINA COAST SHIPPING.

THE INDO CHINA S. N. CO.'S FLEET.

Within the past few months several new steamers for the Indo China Steam Navigation Company's fleet have arrived from home, the latest new comer having completed her maiden voyage to Hongkong recently last Tuesday. This vessel is named the *Kwong Sang*, a sister ship to the new steamer *Chey Sang*, and also the *Hop Sang* and *Hing Sang*. These vessels, with the older ships *San Sang* and *Chun Sang*, form a group of very suitable steamers for the general coasting trade requirements. The *Hing Sang*, *Chey Sang* and *Kwong Sang* are installed with electric light and the vessels mentioned are well supplied with good winches and conveniently placed ports for expediting the handling of cargo. As for dimensions, &c. the *Kwong Sang* and *Chey Sang* are 290 ft. long, 42 ft. beam and 22.6 ft. depth of hold. They were built by Messrs. Wigham, Richardson and Company, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and each has a gross tonnage of 2,283. The engines are triple expansion and, though the steamers accomplished between ten and eleven knots on their trials, it is safe to call them ten-knot steamers. Captain Lake, who has been on home leave, brought out the *Kwong Sang*. Other new steamers are the *Nam Sang* (for the Calcutta trade) gross tonnage 4,034, and *Yik Sang*, length 281 ft., beam 40 ft., and gross tonnage 1,966, for the Northern trade.

LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT THE KOWLOON DOCKS.

A very pleasing function took place at the Kowloon Docks on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the launching of Sir Paul Chater's new steam launch. There was a large gathering present, including quite a number of important personages. It may be of interest to know that the launch will be christened the *Christina*. This is the second launch built within the last two years, as the first launch built to the order of Sir Paul Chater was bought by the American Government. In fact, it was on the point of being handed over when the bargain took place. The Dock premises were brilliantly illuminated with bunting and electric lights for the occasion.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. G. Gault.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

H. K. C. C. V. "A" NAVAL XI.

This match was unfinished. The scores were as follows:—

NAVAL TEAM.

Mr. R. B. Garde, R.N., c. sub., b. Rimington 83
Lt. D. C. H. Dalrymple, R.N., b. Lammert 10
Lt. F. H. M. Jackson, R.N., c. Ward, b. Rimington 9
Mid. T. M. Barrett, R.N., b. Rimington 1
Lt. Greenstock, R.N.R., lb.w. Rimington 6
Rev. C. Moore, R.N., b. Rimington 0
Mr. Constantine, R.N., lb.w. Rimington 0
Mr. Cooke, R.N., lb.w. Turner 20
Mid. A. H. Bisset, R.N., b. Turner 14
Mr. E. W. Fitch, R.N., c. Rimington b. Turner 7
Rev. E. H. Good, R.N., c. Goldring, b. Turner 4
Fawcett, R.N., not out 12
Extras 9

Total 175

H.K.C.C.

W. C. D. Turner, b. Greenstock 11
A. G. Ward, c. Greenstock, b. Fitch 0
J. Hooper, c. Constantine, b. Fitch 0
W. A. Lemarchand, b. Fitch 0
J. A. Woodgrates, c. Fitch, b. Greenstock 6
Lt. Rimington, S.F., not out 40
J. E. Lee, b. Fitch 4
P. W. Goldring, b. Barrett 15
G. P. Lammert, not out 10
T. C. Gray, did not bat.
E. J. Davies, did not bat.
Extras 10

Total (for 7 wickets) 115

CIVIL SERVICE "A" CRAIGENGOWER.

The above Clubs met on Saturday last at the Happy Valley in unpropitious weather. The game was won by Craigengower by 4 wickets and 73 runs. Lambie (16) played a very steady game for the Civil Service. Brawn and Pestonji for the opponents carried out their bats with 34 and 18 respectively and also bowled well. Rose contributed a useful 24.

Scores:

CIVIL SERVICE "C.C."
R. C. Wiltchell, b. Brawn 7
P. T. Lambie, c. Baza, b. Pestonji 16
L. E. Brett, c. A. E. Asger, b. Pestonji 11
J. Smith, b. Pestonji 1
W. Woolley, run out 4
A. Brown, c. Lammert, b. Pestonji 0
R. H. A. Craig, b. Brawn 0
H. J. Knight, c. A. E. Asger, b. Brawn 0
H. Robins, c. Rose b. Pestonji 0
A. Caesar, c. M. E. Asger, b. Brawn 0
A. Carter, not out 0
Extras 2

Total 41

CRAIGENGOWER "C.C."

I. P. Jordan, retired 8
M. E. Asger, c. Brown, b. Wiltchell 8
A. O. Brawn, not out 34
R. Baza, b. Wiltchell 7
L. A. Rose, b. Brett 21
L. E. Lammert, c. Craig, b. Smyth 2
J. L. Stuart, c. Craig, b. Smyth 8
R. Pestonji, not out 18
E. Ford, did not bat.
I. H. Rutledge, did not bat.
A. E. Asger, did not bat.
Extras 5

Total (for 6 wickets) 114

NAVAL NOTES.

The French gunboat *Avalanche* is at Macao.
H.M.S. *Talbot* will probably leave the dry dock to-morrow morning.

The American double turret monitor *Monadnock* left for Manila yesterday morning.
H.M.S. *Vestal* will shortly leave Singapore for Christmas Island. She may then call here.

H.M.S. *Algerine* left Pagoda for Swatow on the 10th inst.

H.M.S. *Phaenix* left Woosung for Amoy on the 12th inst.

H.M.S. *Rozario* left Nanking for Ningpo on the 11th inst.

H. M. S. *Britomart* left Woosung for Ningpo on the 12th inst.

H. M. S. *Aurora* left Woosung for Nagasaki to-day. On arriving there the *Glory* will transfer her flag and then leave for this port.

H. M. S. *Glory* will leave Nagasaki on the 10th inst. for Yokohama, and thence to Hongkong for docking purposes.

A concert will be given by the men of the *Talbot* to-night at the Kowloon docks reading room.

The "AMHERST" FLOATED.

The steamer *Amherst*, which was wrecked on the Pahang bar during the North-east monsoon in June, 1901, has been successfully floated and arrived at Singapore in tow of the steamer *San Whatt Hin* on the 7th inst.

The task of raising the *Amherst* was entrusted to Mr. G. H. Russell by the agents, Messrs. Wee Bin & Co., it is understood on a contract of \$10,000, and much credit is due to Mr. Russell for the successful raising of the vessel, as he was only able to obtain native assistance. The *Amherst* is now anchored in the roads and presents a "ferruginous" appearance from her twelve months' submersion.

Her deck fittings have been all carried away by the action of the surf, but her engines are intact and as they were quite new when the *Amherst* was wrecked there can no doubt be cleaned and used again. It is fortunate that the attempt to raise the *Amherst* was successful at the time, as the monsoon is now coming on again, and she would probably have gone to pieces before it was over. Mr. G. H. Russell came to Singapore with the *Amherst* yesterday.

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Her deck fittings have been all carried away by the action of the surf, but her engines are intact and as they were quite new when the *Amherst* was wrecked there can no doubt be cleaned and used again. It is fortunate that the attempt to raise the *Amherst* was successful at the time, as the monsoon is now coming on again, and she would probably have gone to pieces before it was over. Mr. G. H. Russell came to Singapore with the *Amherst* yesterday.

THE "AMHERST" FLOATED.

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THE "AMHERST" FLOATED.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

V. R. C. V. "ALBION"

A match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday between the Victoria Recreation Club and H.M.S. *Albion*. The game ended in a draw each side scoring two goals. The Club played several men short.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Correspondents.)

Canton, Nov. 15th, 1902.

THE PIRACY.

The bone in one of Mr. Evans was so badly shattered that it was found necessary to amputate the leg just above the knee. The operation was performed yesterday afternoon. He stood the operation very well, but there is very little hope entertained of his recovery. We have not been able to get a very clear account of the affair. His wife who was on the junk does not appear to know just how or why the shooting took place. One account is that when the pirates began to strip off the jewelry from his wife Mr. Evans objected and showed some resistance and the pirates used the fire arms. This is probably true for these pirates always kill where resistance is encountered.

MYSTERIOUS PARCELS.

Some days ago just at dark some men called with their wheelbarrows, at a chapel in Tung Kun and asked the preacher to receive some large parcels which they had brought. The preacher refused to receive them as no such parcels had been ordered. Just then a third man appeared and said the parcels were not for the chapel, but the barrow men fled thinking something wrong. The parcels were then handed over to the officials and opened. The parcels contained machinery for making "cartridges or counterfeit coin." The chapel name had been put on the parcels to pass the Customs. These parcels came from Hongkong RAILWAY.

Engineer Ashmead left for home a few days ago. The railway from Canton to Fatsan has been marked out, but no contract for building has been let. The bids have been so high that none could be accepted.

ROBBERIES.

An unusual number of robberies are reported. In the city men are held up nightly. Just out side the city a band seems to be at work and few people pass out without being searched. There is certainly a very great number of robbers at work.

THE PIRACY.

Another correspondent writes on the same day:—Last night the doctors amputated one of Mr. Evans' legs at the thigh, but mortification has set up in the other and this will also have to be amputated. As before stated, the doctors are very dubious of recovery, and hold out less hope to-day. Admiral 'Leu Boah' has returned to Canton leaving a Chinese gunboat at the scene of the outrage; he has succeeded in capturing four men, who are said to be implicated in the piracy, if not actually the perpetrators.

COLLISION.

On Monday last the s.s. *Chi Kong* late the *Bakan Maru*, which seems a most unfortunate ship, collided with and very badly damaged the Chinese gunboat *Kwangle*, her cutter and small boat being stove in. The *Chi Kong* escaped with slight damage. The Chinese authorities have brought the matter before the British Consul and have made a very substantial claim.

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 17th November.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

MAIWA NEW @ \$600/980
LAST YEAR @ 981/1000
OLDEST @ 1,020/1,060
PATNA NEW @ 950
OLDEST @ 950
BENARES NEW @ 950
OLD NO STOCK
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 810/860

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between GEORGE AMBROSE DISS and PERCY JOSEPH GILLINGS has been dissolved and the business of Tailors and Breeches Makers heretofore carried on by them at 14, Dex Vieux Road Central under the Style of DISS & GILLINGS will henceforth be carried on in the same Premises by the Undersigned alone under the Style of GEORGE AMBROSE DISS who will be answerable for all Debts due from the late Firm of DISS & GILLINGS and will collect all Debts due therefrom. Dated this 17th day of November, 1902.

G. A. GISS.

FOR KOBE, NAGASAKI AND VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship

"SAVOIA," Captain Rebbelmund, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers and carries a Doctor. For Freight or Passage, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1902. [1223d]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG," Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1902. [1223d]

To-day's Advertisements.

WARREN'S GRAND AMERICAN CIRCUS.

THE PRAYA, HONGKONG, (Facing the Central Market).

TO-NIGHT! AND EVERY EVENING AT 9 O'CLOCK.

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THE COMPANY IN ENTIRELY NEW ACTS.

THE BRIG TEST ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FAR EAST.

PRICES AS USUAL.

MATINEES Every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 3.30.

Children Half-Price to Matinees only.

GEO. WARREN, Sole Proprietor.

P.ongkong, 17th November, 1902. [1223d]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account of the year 1902 at the RATE of FIFTY CENTS per Share (or FIVE PER CENT on the Capital of the Company) will be PAYABLE AT THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, HONGKONG, on and after SATURDAY, the 19th instant, on WARRANTS to be obtained from the Undersigned. Local Shareholders are requested to apply to the Company's Office for their Warrants.

The DIVIDEND will also be PAYABLE AT THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, SHANGHAI, on Presentation of Warrants there, on and after the same Date.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th instant, until TUESDAY, the 2nd December, both Days inclusive, during which Period NO Transfer of Shares will be registered.

By Order, A. H. MANCELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1902. [1223d]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MACAO.

NOTICE

IT is hereby notified by this Department that at Twelve o'clock noon on the 22nd November of the current year, Tenders by public auction will again be invited, at the Secretariat of this Department, for the CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR SHEDS for the Market of San Domingos.

In order to be admitted to the Auction it will be necessary for bidders to prove that they have made a provisional deposit of \$425.25.

Conditions for competition and Specifications of the Work can be seen in this Department on Week Days, not being public holidays, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Public Works Department, Macao, 22nd October, 1902.

A. NUNES, Engineer in charge.

1162d]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MACAO.

NOTICE

IT is hereby notified by this Department that at Twelve o

Shipping- Steamers.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	19th Nov., at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	A. Fraser	Do.	26th Nov., at Noon.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	Do.	Do.
DIAMANTE	1980	R. Rodger	Do.	Do.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1902.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

FROM	STEAMERS.	DUE.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	PELUS	3rd December, 1902.
"	TYDEUS	15th "
"	TELEMACHUS	31st "
"	FROMETHEUS	8th January, 1903.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR LONDON.	SAILING DATES.
"AGANEMNON"	25th Nov., 1902.
"TANTALUS" (FOR AMSTERDAM and LONDON)	9th Dec., "
"ULYSSES"	23rd "
"PELEUS"	6th Jan., 1903.
"ANTENOR"	20th "
FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT), (Taking Cargo at LONDON RATES)	SAILING DATES.
"DEUCALION"	18th Nov., 1902.
"ALCINOUS"	20th Dec., "
"TYDEUS"	20th Jan., 1903.

S.S. "DEUCALION" has arrived and leaves for LIVERPOOL, TO-MORROW.

S.S. "LAERTES" has arrived and leaves for AMOY, TO-MORROW.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"CHINKIANG"	18th November.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	19th "
CEBU and LOILO	"KAIFONG"	20th "
SHANGHAI	"SHANGHAI"	21st "
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	5th December.

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

FROM	STEAMERS.	DUE.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEENKAI"	19th November.
"	"MOYUNE"	27th November.
"	"OOPACK"	10th December.
"	"NINGCHOW"	25th December.

HOMEWARDS.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FROM	STEAMERS.	DUE.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS and NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"MOYUNE"	29th November.
"	"NINGCHOW"	27th December.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1902.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

Agents for and in connection with THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY, Operating the New First-class Steamships "INDRAVELLI," "INDRAPURA" and "INDRASAMHA," between

HONGKONG AND PORTLAND (OR.),

Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
"INDRAPURA"	4,899 Tons. Nov. 17.
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197 " Dec. 14.
"INDRAVELLI"	5,197 " Jan. 14.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports.

For Freight, apply to

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 19th November.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 23rd November.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 26th November.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 30th November.

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried. All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1902.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"KIAUTSCHOU," of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

Captain P. Lunschloss, due here with the outward German Mail about WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, will leave for the above Places about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1902. [563c]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTES FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"INDUS," Captain Duchateau, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1902. [1004c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA," Captain Cobol, will leave for the above places, TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1902. [1107c]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN," Captain P. T. Helms, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 20th November, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

"N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1902. [1124d]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"BORDER KNIGHT" About 20th Nov.

"CROCODON" 10th Dec.

"ORONO" 20th Dec.

"MOGUL" 31st Dec.

"HINDUSTAN" 10th Jan., 1903.

"MACDUFF" To follow.

"SHIMOSA" To follow.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1902. [1104d]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

RESUMPTION OF MANILA SERVICE.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship,

"KASUGA MARU," 4,000 Tons, Captain Hector Fraser, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1902. [1177d]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

VIA

USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.

Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

NEXT SAILINGS.

"CHANGSHA" leaves on 5th Dec.

"CHANGSHA" 25th Dec.

"RAIYUAN" 20th Jan.

"TSINAN" 20th Jan.

Superior accommodation amidships. Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators which ensure a fresh supply of ice and provisions during the entire voyage. Duly qualified European Surgeons carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, G. N. Co., Ltd.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR GENOA, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BENMOHR," Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 15th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1902. [1187d]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING," Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1902. [1221d]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).

Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, TO SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"MARQUIS BACQUEHEM," Captain Raschev, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon.

This steamer has capital accommodation for passengers. Electric light and carries a doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1902. [1071d]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG," Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [1227d]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, (ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA, IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROSETTA MARU," 3,876 Tons.

Captain N. Tate, will be despatched hence for MANILA, on SATURDAY, the 2nd instant, at Noon.

To be followed by "ROHILLA MARU," on or about 26th instant.

Magnificent accommodation. Comfortable cabins. Excellent table. Unrivalled speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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Prince's Buildings, Ice House Street.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [1189d]

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"MARQUIS BACQUEHEM," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 19th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1902. [1071d]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"PERU," The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1902. [1104d]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 18th instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1902. [1227d]

Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"KIAUTSCHOU," of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 6 P.M., TO-NIGHT.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 23rd instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1902. [653c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TIROL," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo—From Trieste, ex S.S. Imperatrix transhipped at Bombay.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 19th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1902. [1160d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MALACCA," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 A.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 20th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1902. [4]

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Cooking Stoves from \$18 to \$140.

THE VERY LARGEST AND BEST ASSORTED STOCK OF FASHIONABLE COATS, CAPES AND
JACKETS IN THE EAST. ALL THE NEWEST AND BEST SHAPES IN MADE UP
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LADIES' WARM SHIRTS AND BLOUSES. NEW TRIMMINGS
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EVERYTHING FOR LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.

BATH GOWNS, DRESSING GOWNS, RUGS, HATS, BOOTS, UMBRELLAS,
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ALL OUR DOUBLE COLLARS HAVE A PATENT LOCK WHICH ENTIRELY PREVENTS THEM GAPING OPEN IN THE
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SIZES AND SHAPES AND FOUR DEPTHS.

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